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SUBJECT: FLUID POWER SEMINAR MISSION VISIT TO TAIWAN

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1. EMBASSY WILL MEET AND ASSIST DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE WEXLER WHEN SHE ARRIVES TAIPEI JUNE 24. GIVEN #34 5-5743, EMBASSY IS 99 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT HER BAGGAGE WILL NOT BE INSPECTED. THERE EXISTS THE ONE PERCENT POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT AIRPORT CUSTOMS WILL INSIST THAT SHE OPEN AT LEAST ONE BAG. IF THAT BAG WERE TO CONTAIN FILMS EMBASSY WOULD BE IN NO POSITION TO PREVENT CUSTOMS FROM CONFISCATING THEM. THEIR RELEASE PROBABLY COULD BE OBTAINED BY APPEAL TO HIGHER AUTHORITY BUT GOOD RAPPORT EMBASSY HAS ESTABLISHED WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED. ROC LAW SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS INCOMING PASSENGERS BRINGING IN FILMS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OR POST-ARRIVAL REVIEW BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE.

2. EMBASSY HOPES TO BE ABLE TO AVOID ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEM BY INFORMING GIO THAT WEXLER WILL BE BRINGING IN TECHNICAL FILMS FOR USE IN TRADE CENTER EVENT. NUMBER OF FILMS AND SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH WILL BE PRVIDED. IF GIO ACCEPTS EMBASSY'S WORD THAT FILMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRIED BY WEXLER ARE INDEED TECHNICAL AND THAT THEY ARE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS OF SEMINAR, EMBASSY WILL REQUEST GIO'S ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF LETTER TO BE GIVEN TO CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT AIRPORT. LETTER WOULD STATE THAT GIO HAS NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY OF FILMS FOR TRADE CENTER USE. EMBASSY WILL CONTACT GIO AS SOON AS INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF FILMS AND SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

3. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ALREADY THOUGHT OF IDEA, ONE WAY TO AVOID ANY PROBLEMS WITH CUSTOMS WOULD BE FOR WEXLER OR YACHNIN TO BE GIVEN COURIER STATUS BETWEEN SEOUL AND TAIPEI. FILMS COULD THEN ENTER AS DIPLOMATIC MAIL. IN THE PAST, FILMS FOR TRADE CENTER EVENTS HAVE ENTERED AND LEFT TAIWAN VIA APO FACILITIES AND NEITHER GIO NOR CUSTOMS HAS RAISED OBJECTIONS SINCE FILMS NEVER CAME UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION.

4. TAIPEI 3053 AND OTHER TRAFFIC ON WEXLER VISIT HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO DEPARTMENT. UNGER

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